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supported by a reason, and practically never by quotations from leading cases. In these matters the reader must turn to the cases cited, which, though few in number, are choice, and include many of the very recent decisions, such as the *Northern Securities* case and many others as yet reported only in the Reporter System.

The limitations above noted may or may not be regarded as defects. They enable the author to present within the compass of a moderate sized volume the epitome of railroad law, and he has done this in a remarkably clear, simple fashion. One wastes no time in arriving at the rule which in Judge Baldwin's opinion is the law on any question treated by him. Such brevity and clear statement are to be highly commended in these days of multiplicity of long, and often obscure and tiresome, opinions and of many volumed texts on subjects formerly treated as single chapters in more comprehensive single-volume texts.

The Appendix of forms affords much valuable illustrative material to the text, and will doubtless be of greater value for this purpose than as a guide to those actually drawing such forms. The Index is carefully made and very useful. The latest developments of railroads are included, and not only Street Railroads, but Interurban and Elevated Railroads and Subways receive such attention as the present state of the law permits. All in all, considering the small size of the work and the vastness of the subject, a more satisfactory treatment would be very difficult. Especially is the work to be commended to the beginner in the study of Railroad Law. EDWIN C. GODDARD.

STREET RAILWAY REPORTS, ANNOTATED, reporting the electric railway and street railway decisions of the Federal and State Courts in the United States, from April 1, 1903. Edited by Frank B. Gilbert, of the Albany Bar. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender, 1904. Vol. 1, 8 vo., pp. xvi, 943.

This is volume one of a new series of reports to be cited as "St. Ry. Rep." The introductory note of the publisher gives as the reasons for the undertaking that there has recently been a marvelously rapid development and extension of electric street and highway railways; that the duties of these as carriers materially differ from those of other carriers; that the law of negligence has a special application to their liabilities; and that various other special principles have arisen governing their relations to the public, abutting owners, and municipalities.

There are 152 cases reported, arranged not by subjects but by states; briefs of counsel are not given; the syllabi and decisions are given in full, including dissenting opinions; the latter, statements of facts frequently, the syllabi, and the notes are printed in small type.

The cases relate to the organization of street railway corporations, the grant of the franchise, the taxation of the same, the rights of abutting owners, the right to cross other railways, liability for assault on, or ejection of, passengers, injuries on platforms, or due to excessive speed, collisions with pedestrians, bicyclists, or those in vehicles, duty to look and listen, the issue and acceptance of transfers, etc., etc.

The fifty-three different notes cover about 65 pages, and vary in length from a few lines to about seven pages; they are mostly upon some point indicated in the syllabus of the case reported; none seem to be of the monographic or exhaustive character of the notes in the Am. State Repts., or the L. R. A. The principal ones are: Street Railways Crossing Other Railways, 4 pp.; Street Surface Railroads as Additional Servitudes upon Property of Abutting Owners, 7 pp.; Consent of Abutting Owners, 3 pp.; Injuries from Electricity, 3 pp.; Duty to Look and Listen, 7 pp.

A table of cases is given with a short note to indicate the subjects covered by each case. An index to the notes is given in the front of the book; the index to the volume (not including the notes) covers 81 pages, but consists of a mere repetition of the syllabi of the cases as given in the body of the work, alphabetically arranged. A much better index might have been made (with more labor) and put in less space. A peculiar method is adopted of giving the name of the case; then the state; then the court; then the syllabus; then the method of getting into court; then the date of the decision; and then *where reported*, in small type, just preceding the opinion. The cases seem to be all from the reporter system, and no reference is given to the official reports, although some of these would seem to have been out before this volume is published.

Whether or not such a publication is needed will probably be answered differently by those making a specialty of street railway law, and those not doing so. Perhaps one specializing along these lines will find in this collection of cases some relief from the ever increasing burden of purchasing numerous cases in which he is not interested, in order to get those he must have. As to this each must judge for himself. The work seems to be on the whole satisfactorily done, to meet such demand as there is.

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The following volumes, prepared by Professor Goddard, have recently been published:

OUTLINES OF THE LAW OF BAILMENTS AND CARRIERS. By Edwin C. Goddard, Professor of Law in the University of Michigan. Chicago: Callaghan & Company, 1904. pp. xiv, 250.

SELECTED CASES ON THE LAW OF BAILMENTS AND CARRIERS, including the Quasi-Bailment Relations of Carriers of Passengers and Telegraph and Telephone Companies as Carriers. By Edwin C. Goddard, Professor of Law in the University of Michigan. Chicago: Callaghan & Company, 1904. pp. xiii, 742.